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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**IMPORT TRADE CONTROL**

*New Delhi, the 20th February, 1956*

**SUBJECT:—***Import policy for Sodium Bicarbonate (S. No. 22/V of the I.T.C. Schedule) for the licensing period January-June, 1956.*

**No. 11-ITC(P.N.)/56.**—The attention of importers is invited to the entries against item No. 42—List III of Appendix XXVIII to the Red Book for the current licensing period, wherein it has been provided that import of Sodium Bicarbonate will be canalised on a basis to be announced later.

2. Applications for licences for import, from Dollar and Soft currency areas, are invited for 'B.P. Grade' and 'Commercial Grade' of Sodium Bicarbonate, and should be submitted in the prescribed form and manner to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi, so as to reach him on or before the 12th March, 1956. Applicants should furnish the information and the documentary evidence mentioned below:—

- (i) Experience in importing Sodium Bicarbonate, or any other allied item;
- (ii) Firm offer in original from the foreign manufacturers/suppliers indicating country of origin of the goods and the quantity offered for supply;
- (iii) Firm delivery offered by foreign manufacturers/suppliers and the date by which the applicant undertakes to effect import, should the licence applied for be granted;
- (iv) The c.i.f. price (per ton of 2240 lbs.) at which imports will be made; and
- (v) The grade of Sodium Bicarbonate offered to be imported and details regarding the packing thereof.

3. The Sodium Bicarbonate should correspond to the following specification and should preferably be in bulk packs only:—

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Commercial Grade</i>	<i>B.P. Grade</i>
(1) Total alkalinity, as sodium bicarbonate ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) per cent by weight . . . . .	99.00 to 102.63	99 to 101
(2) Sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) per cent by weight, max. . . . .	4.500	1.800
(3) Insoluble matter in water, per cent by weight, max. . . . .	0.00	0.010
(4) Chlorides, (as $\text{NaCl}$ ), per cent by weight, max. . . . .	0.250	0.020
(5) Sulphates (as $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) per cent by weight, max. . . . .	0.100	0.070
(6) Iron (as $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) per cent by weight, max. . . . .	0.008	0.0024
(7) Heavy metals (as Pb) parts per million, max. . . . .	5	5
(8) Arsenic (as $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ ) parts per million, max. . . . .	2	2

4. In granting import licences, preference may be given to applicants who are able to prove their ability to effect economical imports at an early date and at competitive prices.

5. Licences granted on the basis of these applications will be subject to such conditions as Government may impose in regard to distribution of the goods after importation, sale price and margin of profit etc.

6. The licensee shall also be required to execute a bond duly guaranteed by a scheduled bank, with the Import Trade Control authorities, to the effect that if they fail to import according to the programme given in their application or as may be agreed upon with the licensing authority, they will have to pay such penalty as may be prescribed by the licensing authority.

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